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New Contractor To Plow Roads

Special Town Meeting October 11th

(Lamoine) — The contractor that plowed the roads in Lamoine for the past 7-years has told the Selectmen he will not plow them again this winter. Richard J. King, Inc. had one year left on the contract to plow and sand the town roads.

Mr. King wrote to the Selectmen in August, saying he could no longer provide the plowing service because he was unable to retain his employees and meet personal obligations. Mr. King also requested the Selectmen ask the town meeting for \$25,000 to compensate his company for losses suffered as a result of heavy snow during the winter of 2000/2001. The Selectmen have not placed an article on the town meeting warrant to meet that request.

The Selectmen did request bids for a new, three year contract, and received 5-bids in, including one from Mr. King. The bids ranged from a low of \$70,000 for the winter to a high of \$110,000 for next winter. In late September, the Selectmen met with some of the bidders, and rejected

all the bids. The low bid was rejected because the bidder failed to show for the meeting, the 2nd lowest bid did not meet the specifications, and the Selectmen felt that it would be better to re-bid the contract so all bidders are on an equal footing.

Because the bid price is expected to be significantly higher than the \$53,680 budgeted, town meeting approval is needed to appropriate the additional funds needed to plow snow. The town has enough money in surplus and a special road maintenance fund to cover the shortfall.

A performance bond was built into the contract and will continue to be required, but the bond is generally renewed on an annual basis, and the old bond would not apply to the upcoming season.

The Selectmen have also started to look at the feasibility of establishing a public works department for the town. That issue might be ready to present to the Town Meeting sometime in the future once the new plow contract expires.

Ballfield Dedicated

Named in Richard King's Honor

(Lamoine) — Nearly 2-years of hard work has paid off as the new Lamoine Athletic Field complex is now open for business. The first soccer games were played on the field in September.

Days earlier, the Ballfield Committee unveiled a plaque at the dedication naming the field in honor of Richard King. The contractor led the construction efforts, donating countless hours and materials, and coordinating donations from other contractors in town to see that construction was completed.

The committee also thanked summer resident Edna Coyne for her use of the old ballfield next to her home over the many years. At the ceremony dedicating the field, the cub scouts raised the American flag for the first time while children kicked around a soccer ball, and a couple of older baseball players took turns trying to hit a few to the outfield. The grass seems to have survived a dry summer, thanks in part to watering

Gravel Pit May Expand Further

(Lamoine) — A lease agreement between Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. and landowner William Neleski may result in a larger gravel pit behind the transfer station and landfill. The Planning Board will review the initial gravel extraction and site plan review applications at its October meeting.

The company received a permit in the summer of 2001 to mine gravel from land owned by the Town of Lamoine and property it purchased behind the town lot. With the new lease agreement, Gott may be able to open up a few more acres of gravel

behind the recently permitted excavation.

Gott also faces approval from the Department of Environmental Protection which recently cited the company for operating without the required paperwork on file for the total size of the pit. According to a DEP staffer, Gott and the state have reached a consent agreement in order to bring the pits into compliance. A public hearing is set for October 5, 2001 at 1:00 PM at the town hall on the DEP licensing for the larger size pit.

Selectmen to Pursue Illegal Dump

(Lamoine) — A town ordinance passed in 1982 makes it illegal for a landowner to establish a dump on their land for materials from off-site. A complaint against Asa's Lane landowner Russell Boynton Jr. is being pursued under that ordinance. According to the complaint, Mr. Boynton allowed material, including the remains of a demolished garage, to be placed on his land. Additionally, brush cut from elsewhere in town was also placed on his property.

The Code Enforcement Officer notified Mr. Boynton and Ralph Jones, the man who allegedly brought the material to Mr. Boynton's property, that they must

remove the material or face fines of up to \$250 per day. Because the property is now posted with a no trespassing sign and Mr. Boynton did not give Selectmen permission to go on it, an administrative search warrant is being sought to see if the situation is in compliance with local ordinance and State of Maine laws.

efforts by the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department.

The new bleachers were filled with residents who showed up for the dedication and a cookout. The Selectmen presented special certificates to ballfield committee members Lori Boynton, Richard King, Steve Fellis, Bill & Tammy Dickey, and Tom Spruce to recognize their efforts in bring the dream to a reality.

Most of the bills have been paid, though the committee has run a few hundred dollars short of funds. Sales from the concession stand will make up the difference.



Field Dedication

Members of the Lamoine Ballfield Committee unveil the plaque at the border of the Richard J. King Field. (l-r) Tom Spruce, Bill Dickey, Dick King, Lori Boynton, Tammy Dickey

(Photo courtesy of Chrystine Emeigh)

Tax Rate Increases 13%

(Lamoine) — The most often asked question around the town hall this summer was “Why did my taxes go up so much?” There are several answers, but the bottom line is that spending was up, and revenues were down slightly.

On the spending side, part of it approved at the March town meeting, the sharpest increase was in the education budget. An increase of \$131,420 was the biggest component of the spending increase. That represented an 8.31% increase. The County budget rose \$19,121, or 34%. The non-education and non-county budget (the rest of the town) rose only \$16,646, or 5%. The snow plowing budget is expected to bring the spending side up sharply (see page 1.)

On the revenue side, the school subsidy was projected to be down slightly, however, action by the legislature kept the funding the same as last year. The town did not use as much from the surplus accounts this year, but did have sizeable income from gravel sales to slightly help offset that loss of revenue.

One further component of the tax rate is what is called “overlay”. This is the amount above the minimum tax rate the Board of Assessors can approve in setting the tax commitment rate. The overlay was a bit higher this year (\$27,169) in anticipation of the higher snowplow costs.

Audit Find Town Records In Good Shape

(Lamoine) — The annual audit performed by CPA James Wadman of Ellsworth found no areas in which to improve the record keeping of the town government. Mr. Wadman performed the audit in early September, delivering the report to the Board of Selectmen on the 17th. An annual audit of the books is required under state and federal statute. Very few adjusting entries were needed for the town balances,

namely those to account for revenues for the 1st two months of the new fiscal year and the summer pay for school teachers. Mr. Wadman, in his annual management letter to the Selectmen, did advise that new accounting standards will soon be imposed on all local governments which could increase the record keeping requirements tremendously. He said the impact of the standards is under evaluation.

New Street Named

(Lamoine) — The newest official street name in Lamoine is Maple Lane. A street sign should adorn it soon. Maple Lane is located off Jordan River Road and leads to a new home being built by Steve and Nicole Cowles. Selectmen approved the name at their September meeting after the landowners suggested it.

Selectmen await suggestions on two more driveways that will need road names under the Enhanced 911 phone system requirements. Each driveway will service more than one home according to recently issued building permits. Under the Lamoine Road Naming and Numbering ordinance, any way with two or more residences on them must have a unique street name in order that emergency vehicles can find them.

Sub-divisions Proposed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has a full plate for its October Meeting, not the least of which are two fairly substantial sub-division plans.

The first, if approved, would create 8-lots off Shore Road, between Deer Run and Dewey's Lane. Mike Woodard has submitted the final application on behalf of property owner Susan Stuwe of Michigan. Ms. Stuwe started constructing a home on a shore lot of the original piece. Planning Board members toured the proposed area earlier in the summer, and asked Mr. Woodard for some more information on the plan before the final submission, which came in late September. If the Planning Board finds the plans complete, a public hearing would be held within 30-days.

Tree Growth Penalty May Be Appealed

(Lamoine) — A substantial penalty imposed for using property classified under the tree growth plan for other than timber management is likely to be appealed to the Lamoine Board of Assessors. Landowner J. Aubrey Davis's gravel pit in Marlboro turned out to be 8-acres larger than he had reported for the past several years. Because that 8-acres had been classified in tree growth taxation, the difference in valuation between the current use and the taxed use was subject to the severe penalty, resulting in a supplemental tax bill to Mr. Davis in excess of \$19,000. The penalties are required under state statute.

Mr. Davis met with the Board of Assessors in late September to find out what the process is to appeal the penalty and have an abatement granted on it. The assessors have sought the advice of the Maine Municipal Association which reported it had never heard of such a situation before. The legal department at MMA advised the same abatement process be followed as a normal property tax abatement, but any appeal of the local decision would bypass the County Commissioners and be handled directly by the State of Maine Board of Property Tax Review.

The other proposed sub-division just arrived at the town hall in a very preliminary form. Realtor Steve Joy, who received approvals for sub-divisions on Partridge Cove Road and Rabbit Run, is proposing a 10-lot development off Needle's Eye Road on land owned by Barton Weilburg. Mr. Joy will present the preliminary plan to the Planning Board on October 9th. The board is likely to schedule a site visit and outline what more information is needed to find the application complete. Approval is not likely until December at the earliest.

State Park To Grow

Property Sales Hot, Hot, Hot In Lamoine

(Lamoine) — Despite a much weaker economy, houses and land do not seem to stay on the market for very long in Lamoine, and it has shown little sign of stopping. And buyers seem willing to pay more than the tax value for the land as well, if the draft version of the Maine Revenue Service valuation is accurate.

The latest report based on figures compiled in February 2001, show Lamoine's State Valuation increasing from \$106-million dollars to well over \$112-million for the fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2002. That represents over a 5-percent

increase in valuation. Some of the increase in valuation can be attributed to new housing starts, but the major factor in the increase is the increase in the fair market value of land and buildings.

There are some drawbacks. When the state valuation increases faster than the rest of the state, the town loses revenue in General Purpose Aid to Education, and the County Tax will increase. The town has also dipped under the 90-percent full valuation level, which means the homestead reduction next year will be less than \$7,000 per home.

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board awaits submission of plans for Lamoine State Park. An engineer from Sebago Technics of Westbrook has worked with the town office to obtain ordinance copies in order to meet the town's Shoreland and Site Plan Review standards.

The preliminary plan has not yet been received, but according to Department of Conservation officials it will involve work on the boat ramp, and installing a float system to accommodate more watercraft. Additionally, work will be done in the parking area by the shore to accommodate more day use spaces. Some work is also planned on the pier which should remove the aging metal superstructure.

Residents Have Close Calls As Terrorists Attack U.S.

(Lamoine) — As evidence starts to come out in the most horrific attack ever on America linking terrorists that may have passed through Hancock County on their way, many folks in Lamoine thought about what might have been. Others are grieving the loss of close relatives.

Douglas Jones, an Acadia National Park ranger and Mill Road resident, lost his brother-in-law who worked in the World Trade Center tower hit by a jet plane.

Christopher Luck, a Needles Eye Road resident works for a Aon Corporation, a company with offices in the World Trade Center, and often has to report to work there. He reports he lost many co-workers and friends in the attack. Fred Cahn of Eagle Point Road flies for American Airlines out of Logan Airport in Boston. He came into the town office shortly after the attack to let us know he was not flying that day.

Town Clerk Hubene Brodie was in Washington DC the day of the attack, and was on the highway headed near the Pentagon when a hijacked airliner slammed into the Defense Department Headquarters.

She immediately cut the trip short and came back home, driving 12-hours straight and avoiding the New York City area.

The Planning Board meeting held that evening observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the attack. A planned participant, surveyor Steve Salsbury, was

not at the meeting. He had been in New York City that morning.

Attendance at the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department meeting two days after the attack was unusually high, and members discussed a variety of issues. Many put their name on the list to help in the recovery effort or to fill in for firefighters from other communities helping out in New York City if needed. To date, the help has not been needed. Several members filled a shift collecting donations at Wal-Mart in Ellsworth to benefit the Firefighters relief fund.

The Lamoine Baptist Church opened its doors for many nights on end offering a place for quiet reflection and discussion for those who desired it. On the day of national prayer and remembrance Pastor David Henry set up a television in the church and broadcast the service from Washington DC. About 25-people attended in the middle of the work-day.

While rumors persisted that some of the hijackers might have passed through Hancock County, no evidence of that has come to light. Still, security has been greatly tightened at the Hancock County Airport in Trenton, and for the cruise ships anchored off Lamoine that visited Bar Harbor in the autumn.



The front page of the New York Times, September 12, 2001. Copies sold faster than usual at the Lamoine General Store

Public Safety Committee Makes Recommendation for More Police Presence

(Lamoine) — The Public Safety Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen last Spring has wrapped up its work, and will recommend to the Selectmen and Budget Committee that the town contract for additional patrol time with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Members of the committee included Frank Murray (chairman), Jim Willis (vice chairman), Grace Schimpf (Secretary), along with Kim Murphy, Matt Montgomery and Stacey Curtis.

The committee devised a questionnaire that was mailed to 215-registered voters selected at random. The findings on the questionnaire turned out to be quite revealing, and the comments were very helpful for the most part.

One question asked if the respondents felt safe in their homes, and the answer, from those who chose to fill it out was a unanimous "yes". About 40-percent of the 4-page questionnaires were returned by the deadline in July, and the results compiled in graph form and the comments recorded for presentation to the committee.

Among the other findings were that there was some dissatisfaction from police coverage, mostly due to a slow response time or the person answering the call was unable to help with the situation.

Respondents who had called the Fire Department for service in the past five years were unanimously satisfied with the way the calls were handled. A vast majority of those who called for ambulance service were satisfied, though one respondent reported the ambulance had trouble finding their home.

The survey also asked about animal control, which enjoyed about a 60-percent satisfaction rate. Most of the reason for dissatisfaction had to do with the animal control laws not immediately solving the situation.

The questionnaire also asked for priorities both in types of calls and for spending. Crimes against persons, fire emergencies, and emergency medical assistance scored highest. Animal control came in as the lowest priority. Funding, according to the survey, should be highest for the fire department, some funding provided for police services, and lesser funding for ambulance and animal control.

The committee will recommend that a 4-hour weekly patrol take place 8 months of the year, and two 4-hour patrols take place in the four months during summer time. The proposal, if approved by town meeting, will cost a little less than six thousand dollars.

Dog Owners Cited

(Lamoine) — *Born Free* was a nice sentiment for lions roaming in Africa, but the concept does not work the same for dogs in populated areas. At least two pet owners are finding that out in court.

Animal Control Office Harry Lounder issued a summons to a Buttermilk Road man after his black lab and rottweiler repeatedly escaped from their enclosure and made threatening advances toward the neighbors. Three complaints filed the same day landed that case in court.

Neighbors of a Birchlawn Drive home have informally complained for several months about a dog who's owner has refused to keep tied. The dog, while not displaying any aggression, apparently does like to bark incessantly at neighboring homes, and that prompted at least a warning and possibly a summons.

Allowing a dog to roam while not on a leash or under voice control is a violation of state law, and offenders face increasingly stiff fines in court, or worse. A Douglas Highway family left on an extended vacation and did not make adequate arrangements to care for their dog. The animal got loose and was captured by a neighbor. ACO Lounder took the dog to the shelter where it was not claimed by either the owner or caretaker, and the dog had to be euthanized.

Planning Board Deals With Many Pits

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has a full agenda for its October meeting, dealing with at least seven gravel pits. In September, the board conducted site visits on two pits owned by John W. Goodwin Jr. and Reggie McDevitt. Earlier in the year, the board decided that it would visit all pits in order to have a better idea of what the areas actually looked like before granting permits. Each pit renewal application had some minor pieces of information lacking, and they might be ready for action on October 9th.

In addition to those three pits, three other pits owned by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. are up for renewal. It is likely the Board will review the applications for completeness, and schedule a site visit for those pits before taking final action.

Finally, the board will deal with the expansion of the Doug Gott & Sons operation permitted earlier in the summer (See page 1).

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Named

State Likely To Ask Town To Pull Permit *Meadow Point Road Site Flunks Soil Test*

(Lamoine) — A septic system that has landed the town and several other agencies and individuals in federal court twice is once again under scrutiny. In September, a team from the Department of Human Services Division of Health Engineering inspected the septic system installed by John and Anita Burns and reported the soils were insufficient to support the system, despite a design claiming otherwise. The team verbally told the town to expect correspondence from them requesting that the septic permit be revoked.

The system was designed by an employee of a Brewer-based engineering firm which was the subject of a complaint from another site evaluator for allegedly substandard work. The DHS/DHE team said it would be following up with action against the site evaluator in question in addition to the request to pull the permit.

Mr. Burns presented the town with the proper form a couple years ago, demanding nearly instant approval of the installation of the septic system. After initial hesitation by the local plumbing inspector at the time, Mr. Burns contacted the Board of Selectmen who ordered the permit be given every consideration as would any other permit. With that order, the permit was granted, and the system

installed within two days, and passed its initial inspection.

Nearly immediately the DHS/DHE asked for reconsideration by the town because of the many soil tests that had flunked in previous years. The Selectmen held firm, saying a licensed site evaluator had designed the system, and if DHS/DHE had a problem, it should be with the site evaluator, not the town. The town's position has always been that if a suitable site and design were found, it would grant the Burns's a permit.

What the request to revoke the permit means has yet to be seen. The system has apparently been in use off and on since its installation. However, an application for a building permit from Mr. & Mrs. Burns has not been granted because they have yet to submit a permit with complete information. They have not shown where the flood zone on the property is located.

The Burnses have twice taken the town to federal court on civil rights violations. The town prevailed on the first case because of statute of limitations had expired. The 2nd case was also decided in favor of the town when it filed its answers to the charges, and the Burnses failed to rebut that defense.

(Lamoine) — Seal Point Road resident John Larson was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer's position. He was one of two candidates for the job, and agreed to fill in when CEO John Holdsworth is unavailable.

Mr. Larson is retired from the telephone company (currently Verizon) and he and his wife are currently building a home and farm at their property on Seal Point Road.

Mr. Larson filled in for three weeks in August while Mr. Holdsworth was out of the country on vacation. He has a year to complete courses for certification. He begins those courses in October.

Agreeing to remain on as Deputy Plumbing Inspector was another Seal Point Road resident, Robert Sharkey. He's agreed to do that job until such time as Mr. Larson becomes certified in plumbing inspection. Mr. Sharkey recently retired as the CEO and LPI in Bar Harbor.

Planning Board Finishing Ordinance Work

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has spent a good deal of the summer working up some major and minor changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance (BLUO). As of late September, the final editing was taking place.

The major change in the ordinance involves addition of an aquifer protection

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen have appointed seven people to a committee to see whether Lamoine would benefit from a conservation commission. Appointed during the summer were Frederick Stocking, Carol Korty, Reggie McDevitt, Megan Jaegerman, Joan Bragdon, Mike Garrett, and Perry Fowler. Selectman Jo Cooper will act as the committee's liaison to the Board.

Building Permits Pick Up During Summer

(Lamoine) — The following building permits were issued since the last issue of *The Lamoine Quarterly*:

Nbr.	Name	Project
25	David Miller	Deck
26	Peter Weaver	Residence
27	Terry Engstrom	Deck
28	R. Fennelly Jr.	Mobile Home
29	Vaughn Nichols	Residence

zone. This zone would prohibit certain development in the mapped sand and gravel aquifer areas of town, and help provide some assurances of safe groundwater.

The final edits may be presented to a special town meeting or held off for the regular town meeting next March.

Mrs. Cooper obtained information from Maine Municipal Association explaining what the function of a Conservation Commission is, and the process a town must go through to establish one. Town Meeting approval is needed for establishment, and the exploration committee will recommend to the board whether such a commission is worth the town's while.

Nbr.	Name	Project
30	Susan Robertson	Garage
31	Patricia Wyshak	Shop
32	Phil Leyendecker	Deck
33	Herman Savage	Mfg Home
34	Maurice Oliver	Mobile Home
35	Gergory Griffin	Residence
36	Sheri Wilder	Deck
37	Mavis Polley	Mobile Home
38	Bill Johnston	Deck
39	Tyra Young	Deck
40	C. Swanberg	Residence
41	Dickey Trust	Storage Bldg
42	Henry Brown	Deck
43	Bill Fennelly	Barn
44	Josh Willard	Deck
45	Michael Southard	Residence
46	Roland Donovan	Mobile Home
47	Tobin Peacock	Residence
48	Larry Robbins	Mobile Home
49	Arthur Carey	Boat House

Dry Summer Leads To Burning Ban

(Lamoine) — With the driest summer on record for decades, the town fire wardens stopped issuing burn permits until further notice. Most other towns have followed suit.

By September, the state was nearly 10-inches below normal for rainfall, making the forest fire danger extremely high. Even a few significant rain storms late in the month did not alleviate the dry conditions to the point where permits could once again be issued. The conditions put a crimp in plans by some landowners to dispose of wood waste through burning, and it may not be until snow falls when permits can again be issued. The leaf drop in Autumn creates especially hazardous conditions in dry weather as the leaves on the ground can quickly spread a fire. Conditions are similar to those in 1947 when fires devastated much of coastal Maine, including Mt. Desert Island.

County Working To Bring In 911 Service

(Lamoine) — The free ride for fire dispatching service in Lamoine is likely to end soon. For years, the Hancock County Sheriff's Department has dispatched the fire department to its roughly 35 calls per year for no additional charge beyond the county budget. The town does provide a phone line into the sheriff's department (667-2327).

Now, the County Commissioners are looking at ways to establish a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and a Regional Communications Center (RCC) to provide Enhanced 911 service to all communities in Hancock County. This county is only one of two in the state not to have such service. Aroostook County is the other one.

The plan under review by town and county officials would combine the dispatching services from the City of Ellsworth with the Hancock County dispatchers and attempt to achieve savings

through economies of scale. Still, dispatching is expected to cost about \$525,000 per year. Each town wishing to receive dispatch services from the RCC would pay a proportional share to join. Those not receiving dispatch service, would not pay into the system, other than whatever the county tax rate is for the Sheriff's Department share of dispatching. The study group seems to agree that PSAP services should also come from the county tax. Several funding formulas are under study, and Lamoine is likely to have to pay \$1/person for fire department dispatching. Most communities in the county would rely on the RCC for fire dispatch service.

Mt. Desert Island, meanwhile, has E-911 service and a PSAP at the Bar Harbor Police Department. That PSAP services the towns of Mt. Desert and Southwest Harbor, and has a 4-year guarantee of operations from the State Public Safety Department.

Fire Department Supper To Benefit NYFD

(Lamoine) — The members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department have decided the net proceeds from this year's annual dinner on October 20th will be sent to help benefit the survivors of New York City Fire Department firefighters who lost their lives

on October 14th to sell supper tickets, and tickets will be available at the door on October 20th beginning at 4:30 PM. Tickets will also be on sale at the Lamoine Town Office prior to the dinner.

The dinner will feature Albert

Wash Your Car, Help The Fire Department

(Lamoine) — A generous offer from the Ellsworth Car Wash should help raise funds for the fire department. The business will donate half the proceeds from car wash

in the September 11th terrorist attack. The profit from the dinner will be sent to the New York Police & Fire Widows' & Children's Benefit Fund.

The fire department was unanimous in its designation for the supper fund to help fellow firefighters families who suffered in the tragedy. Members will go door to door

Herrick's clam chowder, beans, casseroles, pies and beverages. Members of the fire department serve as waiters, and people are encouraged to buy tickets early as the supper generally draws a large crowd. As many seatings as needed will accommodate those at the dinner. The dinner is served at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

tickets sold by fire department members back to the fire department.

Tickets will be available from most fire department members and at the town office. They're \$6 each (the normal cost of a car wash), and \$3 from each sale will go to the fire department. Tickets make a great Christmas gift!

Vandalism Wanes At Blunt's Pond

(Lamoine) — Arrests by area police agencies helped slow down the trespassing and vandalism complaints around Blunt's Pond in the latter parts of the summer. The area was plagued with activity at all hours of the evening, including severe damage to the Frenchman Bay Rider's Snowmobile Club, and illegal campfires. Police were called on numerous occasions to the back side of the pond where at least two vagrants had apparently set up camp on privately owned property. Without the landowners' permission.

The Selectmen explored the idea of installing a gate on town owned land, but have since dismissed the idea as unworkable. Police arrested two people on separate charges who apparently were the culprits camping there and attracting the problem crowd. Someone set fire to the tent at the makeshift campsite in August, but didn't quite put out the entire fire. The fire department cooled off the area, and private citizens tore down the crude lean-to that was constructed. Complaints fell off sharply afterwards.

Fire Calls About Normal for Summer

(Lamoine) — The summer months saw more mutual aid runs than in-town calls for the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department. The bulk of the calls in town were for woods fires.

Septic system designer Joe Brochu may have saved the day August 1st when he was working at a site on Partridge Cove Road. He heard some snapping and turned around and saw the woods on fire behind him. The fire department knocked down the flames within 15-minutes. The fire was caused by a landowner who had not properly extinguished a brush pile a few days earlier.

A Mill Road resident's quick action and fast response by the fire department saved the home from major damage. An electric water heater malfunctioned and caught fire. Ginger Madore was home and turned off the power, and firefighter aired the house out.

Fire Dept Auction Nets \$7,500

(Lamoine) — The auction that almost wasn't turned out to be the most successful fund raising auction in the Lamoine Fire Department's history. Members rallied together to collect donations, and by auction night in August, there was an impressive amount of quality merchandise to help raise money. When the last gavel

sounded, the department had raised approximately \$7,500 for its general fund. Special thanks go to Margaret Mitschele who volunteer to head up the auction, and Mo Oliver, Jim Carney and Carlton Johnson, the driving forces in gathering donations. The fire department thanks everyone who donated and bid.

Nude Bathing, Vandalism At Parks

(Lamoine) — The phone lit up during a hot spell in August this summer after a couple of visitors apparently were after the all-over tanning experience at Lamoine Beach, and shed their clothing. The couple was described as “middle aged, and large” reportedly went for a skinny-dip during a hot spell at noon-time. The complaints were not received until the next day. The Hancock County Sheriff’s Department was advised and replied they would respond to such a complaint, as public beaches in Maine are off-limits to nudity.

The problems were a lot more serious at Lamoine State Park for a good portion of the summer. Park officials and police reported several instances of vandals and burglars hitting camp sites late at night, raiding coolers, and stealing liquor. It’s not know if any juveniles have been apprehended.

Police caught three young people who allegedly stole a radio and dug up flowers at the town hall in June. One performed community service at the town hall. An 18-year old awaits trial, pleading innocent to the charge.

Metal Pile Closed At Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — A statewide problem collecting metal has resulted in a shutdown of the metal collection pile at the Lamoine Transfer Station. The pile was full by early June, and the town called its contractor, Grimm Industries, to come pick it up. Four months later, the metal remains, and Grimm will only say that they are working their way up the state, but they don’t know when they’ll hit Lamoine.

Citizens complained to the Selectmen in August that the pile was out of control, and expressed concern about the number of refrigerators that were in the pile. Grimm is supposed to drain the freon from the refrigerators before loading

them onto their trucks.

The Selectmen responded to the complaints by immediately closing the pile to any more collection of metal goods until such time as the pile is removed.

A check with the Maine Resource Recovery Association showed similar problems statewide. The recycling group says all the metal recycling companies experienced a slow down from heavy snow last spring, delaying the pickups. The price of scrap metal has also plummeted, creating a large backlog at the central collection points across the state.

Cardboard Recycling Method Changes

(Lamoine) — The method for recycling cardboard has seen a major change starting in late September. Pine Tree Waste, the recycling vendor, has replaced the small containers in the garage at the transfer station with three 10-yard containers outside by the metal pile.

Pine Tree approached the town about improving the way cardboard is collected because of the high amount of material inside the garage. It took them approximately 1.5 manhours to load the cardboard onto their trucks to take it away. The new method should cut down the loading time to approximately 15-minutes! The DEP and the Board of Selectmen both gave approval to the plan.

The change will mean residents will have to be more diligent about breaking down cardboard boxes so they are flat. The new, brown dumpsters have only a narrow slot through which the boxes can fit. Attendant Allen Sternfield reports good success with the new containers on the first weekend, getting everything inside the three units and out of the weather. He is concerned that people not mistake the new dumpsters for regular household trash. They are marked with “cardboard only” signs.

Latest Water Tests Show No Change

Additional Shore Road Well Added To Monitoring List

(Lamoine) — The latest round of water testing on residential wells near the closed landfill has come in, and all but one have potable water, though some minute traces of chemicals do appear in some. The results of the tests were forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection for their use in assessing the well-testing program.

The DEP asked the town to test a Shore Road residence on the request of the homeowner who is in close proximity to the test area. That test showed the water satisfactory for drinking, but some chemicals were present, but not in sufficient number to take any action. Because of the presence, though, the DEP has ordered the town to include that well in

future rounds of residential well testing.

The only well not suitable for drinking was the Nathan and Marti Anderson well, which shows high levels of manganese. The Andersons are purchasing bottled water, and the town has agreed to reimburse the cost for that water. The DEP will, in turn, reimburse the town for 90% of that cost, which has not been a significant amount.

Exploration is under way by the DEP to find an alternate water source for the Andersons. Contact has been made with the Cold Spring Water Company, and Blunt's Pond explored as long shot possibilities. The contractor is also looking at town owned land upstream of the landfill for a well.

Mill Road Paved, Shore Road Trimmed

(Lamoine) — Crews from Lane Construction Company put a fresh coat of pavement down on Mill Road in July, making the upper end of the road a much smoother ride. The project came in slightly under budget.

A crew from Coastal Drilling and Blasting blew up a small section of ledge in the road which had heaved in the past. The paving went down before all the material was trucked away, but it will be

hauled away before snow falls.

Lamoine resident Harald Huebner trimmed back the trees along the entire length of Shore Road this summer, a project that took nearly 3-weeks to complete. The road had overgrown significantly since its last trimming, and vehicles had a difficult time passing in some areas without getting whacked by branches. The trimming project cost more than had been budgeted.

Dumpsters To Be Repaired

(Lamoine) — Selectman Glenn Crawford will soon repair the broken dumpsters at the Lamoine Transfer Station. Mr. Crawford, who owns a machine shop, will donate the labor, and has the materials ready to go. New dumpster lids were ordered from Pine Tree Waste to replace those that have worn out over the past 9-years. The dumpsters should be in good operation sometime in October.

Septic System Replacement Available

(Lamoine) — Income eligible households with failing septic systems are eligible for state assistance under what is known as the Small Community Grant program. The State of Maine DEP administers the program which is run through the town office.

If you have a septic system that has started to malfunction, and can meet the income guidelines, please contact the town office right away so it can get placed on the grant list for the program. The town has helped three households in the past seven years with system replacements, helping improve neighborhoods and the general health of the households.

Lamoine Residents have close calls as Terrorists attack US

(Lamoine) — As evidence starts to come out in the most horrific attack ever on America linking terrorists that may have passed through Hancock County on their way, many folks in Lamoine thought about what might have been. Others are grieving the loss of close relatives.

Douglas Jones, an Acadia National Park ranger and Mill Road resident, lost his brother-in-law who worked in the World Trade Center tower hit by a jet plane.

Christopher Luck, a Needles Eye Road resident works for a Aon Corporation, a company with offices in the World Trade Center, and often has to report to work there. He reports he lost many co-workers and friends in the attack. Fred Cahn of Eagle Point Road flies for American Airlines out of Logan Airport in Boston. He

came into the town office shortly after the attack to let us know he was not flying that day.

Town Clerk Hubene Brodie was in Washington DC the day of the attack, and was on the highway headed near the Pentagon when a hijacked airliner slammed into the Defense Department Headquarters. She immediately cut the trip short and came back home, driving 12-hours straight and avoiding the New York City area.



The front page of the New York Times on September 12, 2001. Copies sold for a higher price than usual at the Lamoine

The Planning Board meeting held that evening observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the attack. A planned participant, surveyor Steve Salsbury, was not at the meeting. He had been in New York City that morning.

Attendance at the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department meeting two days after the attack was unusually high, and members discussed a variety of issues. Many put their name on the list to help in the recovery effort or to fill in for firefighters from other communities helping out in New York City if needed. To date, the help has not been needed. Several members filled a shift collecting donations at Wal-Mart in Ellsworth to benefit the Firefighters relief fund.

The Lamoine Baptist Church opened its doors for many nights on end offering a place for quiet reflection and discussion for those who desired it. On the day of national prayer and remembrance Pastor David Henry set up a television in the church and broadcast the service from Washington DC. About 25-people attended in the middle of the work-day.

While rumors persisted that some of the hijackers might have passed through Hancock County, no evidence of that has come to light. Still, security has been greatly tightened at the Hancock County Airport in Trenton, and for the cruise ships anchored off Lamoine that visited Bar Harbor in the autumn.



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